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Applicants: Osamu SHIRASAKI et al. Conf.: 2596
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING MOLDED ARTICLE
OF MODIFIED POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE
BY JOINING

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 31, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below, and consider the Remarks which follow:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The upper limit of a sintering temperature is not limited. However, too high temperature causes the thermal decomposition of modified PTFE. Thus, a sintering temperature is less than the thermal decomposition temperature of modified PTFE. Heating and cooling rates can be suitably adjusted by conventional methods.--